Claim 9. (New) -- The tooth brush as claimed in claim 7 wherein the head portion has tufts of bristles and wherein each tuft of bristles consists of not less than ten bristles and wherein each of said bristles in said tuft of bristles has one spiral groove along the longitudinal axis thereof and wherein said spiral groove on said bristle in an individual tuft of bristles is identical to said spiral groove on all of said bristles in said tuft of bristles and wherein said spiral groove on each of said bristles in said tuft has a clockwise or counter clockwise spiral on said bristle.--

REMARKS

Based upon the foregoing and in light of the Applicant's acceptance of the allowance of claims 6 and 7, there is only one claim presented for examination, new claim 9. Applicant believes that new claim 9 corrects the deficiencies cited by the Examiner as the basis for rejection of Claim 8.

Accordingly, it is believed that the instant amendment corrects the errors cited by the LIE with respect to the non-compliance of the amendment and places the application in compliance and in form for examination. Moreover, the cancellation of Claim 8 and the inclusion of claim 9, removes the indefiniteness from the claims and overcomes the Examiner's grounds for rejection of claim 8 as failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the claims, as amended be accepted for filing and allowance of the application is hereby requested.

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